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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : On a previous occasion there was a request by the residents of the locality that the trees standing there may be auctioned to them, and the Government promised to consider the request. May I know whether any steps have been taken for auctioning the trees?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : If it had been promised, due steps will be taken to implement it.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : It has been recorded that most of the assurances given by the Government are not implemented. That is why I ask the Government whether the promise has been implemented and, if not whether it will be implemented soon.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I take objection to the statement that most of the assurances are not implemented. Anyway, I shall examine the question.

Closure period of Uyyakondan channel

* 2353 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received in March 1955, a mahazar from the ayacutdars of Uyyakondan channel for changing the period of closure to May every year instead of June; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) Yes.

(b) Orders have been issued by the Collector fixing the closure period as from 1st to 31st May.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Are the Government aware that in spite of the orders of the Collector, the closure is made as usual, and will the Government take steps to implement the orders of the Collector?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : This year it was closed on 3rd June instead of 31st May. There was a delay of only three or four days. Orders of the Collector have been issued now and hereafter it will be followed.

Free passes for the City Police in Government Transport buses

* 2354 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of free passes issued to the different divisions of the Madras City Police for travelling in Government Transport buses?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : No free bus pass has been issued to the Police Department for travel in Government Transport buses. But 272 passes have been issued as indicated below at the rate of Rs. 12 per pass per month—

Issued in favour of.	*Number of passes issued.*
Commissioner of Police	235
Inspector-General of Police	28
Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Railways and C.I.D.	7
District Superintendent of Police, Government Railway Police, Tiruchirappalli	2
Total ...	272

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Government issue free passes to M.L.As. if they apply?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : This supplementary question does not arise from the main question.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Is it not a fact that Police officials travel without either a pass or a ticket not only in Government buses but also in private crowded buses much to the inconvenience of the passengers?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : I do not think they are travelling without a pass. I would like the Member to prove whether they have travelled without a pass.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Is the Minister aware that as a corollary to the issue of passes, Police officials enter the buses through the exit and depart through the entrance?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : The hon. Member himself is not sure of his facts. He raises probabilities.

Arrest of the store-keeper of the Central Jail, Cannanore

* 2355 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the store-keeper of the Central Jail, Cannanore, was arrested on 15th March 1955 at Madras Hotel, Cannanore, with an oil engine belt 100 yards in length belonging to the Central Jail;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any report from the Superintendent, Central Jail, Cannanore, in the matter; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?